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## DENIED HIS GOD IN HIS AWFUL RAGE

Scene When General Dewet Learned Of Death of Son, Daughter

**BOER WAR INCIDENT** 

Fell to Sand Cursing Maker—The Heritage of Hatred Which Boer War Left and the Desperate Task Which British Government Accomplished

The task which the British Liberal Government had before it in South Africa after the close of the war was a desperate one. Had Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman and, later, Mr. Asquith's government flinched one iota from their determination to give complete self-government to the Boers and to wipe out, so far as was possible, the awful stains left by the war, further troubles would have followed. The London Daily Mail has recently published a story of DeWet which illustrates, more than anything else, the heritage of hatred left behind by the war in South Africa When President Joubert died, Rudolph DeWet's uncle, the famous Boer leader, called him to his side. He spoke from the depths of his soul and told him the causes of the war, of the ideals and traditions for which they were fighting, of their ultimate chances for success. He explained that each of the gaps in the ranks d be filled by none better than

must be filled, and that Joubert's place could be filled by none better than hefighting as a soldier, a volunteer. And as the immediate result, says Mr. DeWet in his Daily Mail article:—

I rode with my uncle into the battle of Kroonsprit, where he fairly earned the title of general. We hurried and drove the British like sheep. We fell on them from secret places. With surprise and panie, we burst upon them. We shot from a thousand little fortresses.

After the first volley there was no instant when the air was free from the crackle of the guns, and the flashes of fire running zigzag like lightning to and froalong our hiding-places. Some there were in that slaughter pen, in the river-bed below us, who came savagely upward, charging this rock and now that, as they caught the rattle or flash of the Mauser. Many there were who stood high and straight, searching in vain for a foe. Like British grenadiers of old they took what was to be and died with their faces toward us. The English soldiers began their retreat to Bloemfontein, and we, well satisfied that we had given them what Cronje got at Paardeberg, let them go. They left in our trap a hundred wagons full of supplies, six hundred prisoners, and seven beautiful guns. The whole commando was jumping for joy. Men were hugging each other like a lot of girls, and hundreds danced and skipped like children.

My uncle called his men together and stood within their circle and offered a prayer to God.— I have read of Old Cromwell's Roundheads doing this, and the thought of them came to me standing there in the dry river bottom with the simple, sturdy plain figure of my uncle leading our Dutch prayer of thanksgiving. When the bowed heads of the commando hadhad been raised, he opened his Bible and read a psalm; and then, just as we were about to disperse, a messenger came galloping in.

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He rode straight up to General DeWet, and no man who was there can recall the words he said. But we all remember that from four thousand throats there came a growl of rage as if the spruit was filled with great wolfish animals instead of men. For to DeWet had come the news that his son, standing in the doorway of the little home in Elizabeth street, Bloemfontein, had been shot through the head and killed instantly. His daughter, seeing her brother fall, had gone insane, and in three days had died ia the British hospital from congestion of the brain. His wife, bereft at one blow of both her children, had been taken away to the Cape, and there, in the British lines, she, too, died.

Christian DeWet turned such a face on the messenger as I hope never to see on any human being again. For a moment he stood thus with lines of horror frozen on his visage and figure. Then he raised his hand with the Bible in it, and hurled the sacred book from him with all his strength, and with a terrible voice cried out: "God! There is no God!" And, cursing God, he fell on his face into the land.

I do not know how long he lay there.

out: "God! There is no God!" And, cursing God, he fell on his face into the sand.

I do not know how long he lay there I only know our whole commando stood as silent as the veldt itself. Now and then there was a rustle in the close-packed ranks as someone in the rear raised themselves on tiptoe to look over the heads of those in front at their commander fighting out his passion on the earth. Minutes went by, and still he lay, face down, motionless, except for convulsive heavings of his broad, strong shoulders.

When Christian DeWet arose, the face that he turned on us was not that of a man. His lips were drawn back into the smarl of a carnivorous beast. His voice fairly hissed the torture of his heart. To what he said the whole commando roared approval, and again it was as if the riverbed held hungry wild beasts growling ontinously, for what he said twas thus. "From that moment, I live only to kill Englishmen! Slay! Slay!"

From that moment the rifle of Christian DeWet spoke first in every battle, and

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From that moment the rifle of Christian DeWet spoke first in every battle, and every time it spoke an English soldier fell.

From that moment he became the Black Angel, the Black Killer, The Black Devil, the British soldier called him. It was a sad day for the English treasury and the English army when my uncle's family was wiped out.

It was, however, a blessed day for British and Boers alike when the people of Britain turned the Unionist jingo government out of office and put the Liberals in power, who, in turn, broke the baleful influence of the "Randlords" in South Africa. As a result of that Liberal policy General Botha, the Premier of United South Africa, and several of his colleagues were honored guests of sovereign and people of Signature

nion beyond the seas. Great Buffalo Ship Lock

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girder into place in a skyscraper that is wealthy. He has arranged for a special being erected in New York pericetly balanct take him to New York for one day. He here. The contract was let by the gereer alighted on one end causing the girder a first-class hotel. The train will have to tilt. It took the workmen more than three coaches, but he will be the only pasand seventy feet winde.

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